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A SECOND VICE - PRESIDENT

President Eisenhower has rejected a suggestion by former President Herbert Hoover that the President of the United States be aided by an "administrative vice-president."

A White House aide, in explaining the rejection of the proposal, said recent experience — even with President Eisenhower confined to his bed— showed that there was no need for such a vice-president.

It is generally recognized that the unofficial vice-president in the current administration is Sherman Adams. Mr. Adams, however, is not thought to want the title of Administrative Vice-President.

He is considered to be the most influencial adviser of President Eisenhower, and it is known that he is required to initial any document before it is presented to the President. Mr. Eisenhower is said to want the assurance that his chief-of-staff has checked any problem brought to his attention by members of the Cabinet, or lesser officials.

There is little use in Congress creating a new vice-president's office if the obvious Administrative Vice-President and the President himself see no great need for that position. As a result, the Hoover proposal will be discarded, although in later years the necessity for an Administrative Vice-President will probably become pressing enough to assure creation of this post.

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BASIS FOR FUTURE PROSPERITY

One of the guarantees of good business in the future is the brighter prospect for income for those over the age of sixty-five. A recent study showed that only about one in every four persons in the United States over the age of sixty-five has any significant income ($1,000 a year or more).

Obviously, this condition is certain to change drastically in the next decade or two. For one thing, social security will boost the income of those over sixty-five both in dollars and in the percentage of people receiving a significant income.

In addition, industries are now offering pension plans, retirement systems and all sorts of old-age benefits which were not in effect in the past. This trend in industry is certain to increase the number of persons over sixty-five who will receive significant incomes in the future.

This fact, plus the fact that the United States is a rapidly growing country, with population gains being registered in the millions each year, plus the fact that the living standard is continuing to rise, makes it positive that the market for goods in this country will increase in the next decade and thereafter.

This does not mean that there cannot be an economic recession. It does mean, however, that the general trend, as separated from the local vicissitudes of business as depicted in charts, is upward. There is still plenty of opportunity in this country for those who will plan for the future and take advantage of it.

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DUST STORMS SEEN

The effect of below-normal rainfall in the United States is showing up in various sections of the country. In the South, the water table is lowering in many places, and in more northern areas, the supply of water for metropolitan centers is giving some concern.

Further West, another problem is arising. The Department of Agriculture says that a threat of dust storms hangs over wide areas of the Great Plains.

It will be remembered that dust storms created great damage in 1955. The Department says about 20,000,000 acres of land in ten states are threatened with wind damage as a result of below-normal rainfall. This is the second consecutive year this danger has arisen in these states.

The states actually affected are Kansas, Texas, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming. Of this group, Kansas, Texas and Colorado seem to be in greater danger than the others.

The Department estimates that hundreds of thousands of acres of land in these states, most of it in Texas, Nebraska, and Kansas, had already been damaged by December, 1955. In addition to these results, below-normal rainfall has created a serious threat of forest fires in the Southeast and many other parts of the country. As a result, millions of dollars in potential timber has gone up in smoke in recent weeks.

Experts believe if the trend toward drier weather continues much longer, serious problems will arise in various parts of the United States, in addition to the dust storm danger in the ten states listed above. The critical period in the first six months of this year, when the major portion of rain falls in most states.

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Richmond, Va.- Industrial leaders are giving more weight than ever to recreational facilities in and near a community in appraising the value of a locality for industrial location, according to an article in the January issue of the Virginia Economic Review.

The Review, quarterly publication of the Division of Planning and Economic Development, Virginia Department of Conservation and Development, characterizes recreation as another "plus-value" or non - economic factor which plays a large part in a community's industrial development.

Previous issues of The Review have included articles covering such plus values as educational opportunities and fine arts. They are emphasized as assets of growing importance to industrial management which determines plant location, in addition to such well known factors as nearness to markets, quality labor force, varied mineral resources, top grade transportation, abundant power and fuel, excellent climate, and friendly, efficient government.

The article refers to a recent issue of a national magazine which reported the "sad story" of a Southern town that failed in its bid for an electronics company because, said the company scouts, "If you want to attract industry, you gotta have a golf course."

"While education and fine arts may appeal primarily to managerial staff members of industrial concerns," the Review article asserts, "all employees are interested in recreation of one kind or another; and industrial development leaders should be alert to all recreational possibilities their communities possess or may possess — from golf courses to fish ponds."

The article covers a wide variety of Virginia's recreational assets—locally, regionally and statewide—such as golf courses, baseball, football, wrestling, boxing, stock car races, hunt races and horse shows; local, state and national parks and forests; seashore, Tidewater and mountain resorts; camping, hiking, hunting, fishing, boating, swimming, visits to natural wonders, historic shrines and museums; fairs, festivals and dramatic activities.

Homemakers Items

Fabric lamp shades can be washed if they are sewed. If tape or binding is glued on, the shade must be dry-cleaned, says Miss Ruth Jamison, house furnishings specialist at VPI.

Before washing, wipe shade as clean as possible. Using a container big enough for the shade, make a sudsy solution of milk soap flakes. Dip the shade up and down. Use a soft brush on spots and the dirtier parts. Rinse several times. Dry with towel. A fast dry is necessary to keep the wires from rusting, but don't put the shade in the sun or on the radiator.

Beef or chicken stock may be frozen in ice cube trays and stored in plastic bags in the freezer to use as needed for bouillon or soup, say VPI nutritionists.

Parsley may be chopped very fine, placed in a freezer container or bag, and frozen for later use in cooked foods.

TEN MOST DAMAGING INSECTS NAMED FOR 1955

A list of dubious distinction — that of the "10 most damaging insects in Virginia" — has been compiled by entomologists at VPI for 1955.

Arthur P. Morris, associate entomologist in charge of the insect survey program, says the list is headed by the corn earworm, which for the second time since the summer of 1947 severely damaged several crops. The outbreak was particularly severe on peanuts late in the summer. Damage from the earworm became evident near the middle of June on alfalfa and corn, and continued on various crops until late September.

Other insects on the list are the housefly, rice weevil, angoumois grain moth, codling moth, alfalfa weevil, plum curculio, Mexican bean beetle, spotted cucumber beetle (called southern corn rootworm in the larvae stage), and the Japanese beetle.

Aphids and spider mite groupings could have been put in the first ten on an over-all basis, but there were several different species of each involved, so they were omitted from the list.

Codling moth damage to apple orchards in Virginia was probably lighter this past year than during the preceding two growing seasons, except in the southern areas, where spray schedules were limited because of lack of fruit on the trees. With only a few exceptions, plum curculio did little damage to apples.

House flies were first recorded as "active" around eating establishments, food markets, and a few homes in some areas in early March. After the weather became warm, infestations built up quickly around garbage dumps, cattle and pig pens, and in unsanitary situations. Controls were generally applied.

Japanese beetles damage a wide variety of plants every year, and the 1955 infestations were generally heavier than in 1954.

Angoumois grain moths and rice weevils are major insect pests of stored grain in Virginia. Every year they cause a tremendous loss in stored grain, whether on the farm or in elevators.

NEWS FOR VETERANS

Ninety-five out of every 100 veterans with heart and circulatory ailments, rehabilitated through Public Law 16 training, are working today as productive wage-earning citizens, a Veterans Administration survey disclosed.

Only a few doors to employment have been barred to these veterans because of their disabilities, VA said. They can be found in farms and factories, offices and laboratories—virtually everywhere in America.

Eighty-six per cent of the employed veterans are using skills they acquired in training, and 98 per cent like the kind of work they are doing, the survey showed.

Of the veterans not working, half said they were unemployed for reasons not related to their heart or circulatory disabilities.

VA's follow-up study was made to find out what happened to disabled veterans after they finished or stopped Public Law 16 training and started making their own way in life.

It covered a representative sampling of the 600,000 disabled World War II veterans who received vocational rehabilitation training under Public Law 16. About 1/3 of the veterans suffered from heart and circulatory disabilities.

The work record of veterans with heart and circulatory ailments paralleled the record of veterans with other disabilities who were rehabilitated through Public Law 16 training, VA said.

The proportion holding jobs was about the same for both groups, around 95 per cent.

Again, in both groups, nine of ten of the employed veterans were working full-time. The rest was on the job part-time.

The average weekly income was nearly the same for both groups, more than $70 a week.

Veterans with heart and circulatory ailments changed jobs at a slightly higher rate than did others with other disabilities. According to the VA survey, 27 out of the heart and circulatory group changed jobs once, compared with 22 out of 100 of the rest of the disabled.

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ichmond, Va.- Virginia Heritage Month from January 19, Lee's birthday, through February 22, birthday of George Washington, will start at Cold Harbor near Richmond on January 19, at 3:00 P. M., on that date, dressed in authentic costumes of troops they represent staged a ... of rifles and artillery from the Civil War Between the States, under the direction of Captain Malcolm Z. Mason, Troop I, Second Virginia Cavalry. Onlookers did not see any spray bullets..they were made of Reynolds wrap — the foil so familiar in the kitchen. The artillery exhibition was only part of a tour of Richmond National Battlefield Park, conducted by the Richmond Chapter, Civil War Roundtable.

Members of Virginia's Legislature heard Bruce Catton, Pulitzer Prize Winner and editor, American Heritage, at a dinner sponsored by the Richmond Heritage Committee. Richard S. Reynolds, to honor the period now traditionally set aside by Virginians to visit the historic shrines. Present were representatives of over 35 Virginia historic shrines.

Colorful events designed to encourage visitation to the shrines during this period have been created at a number of attractions within the state.

Richmond's Valentine Museum will feature a Lee Exhibit during Heritage Month, comprised of items from its own Lee collection as well as other items on loan from the home of Anne Hill Carter, mother of Robert E. Lee.

Colonial Williamsburg has a package of events designed for heritage entertainment, including Candlelight Musicales at Bruton Parish Church, Evening Tours of 18th century craft shops at 8:00 P. M., each Wednesday throughout the period.

At Berkley plantation, which shares the distinction only with the Adams House in Massachusetts of being the ancestral home of two Presidents of the United States, students of American history will be invited to a birthday party February 9, honoring William Henry Harrison.

Alexandria has many favors to bestow on the discriminating visitor at any season, but during Heritage Months this city's charm will be illuminated with events calculated to intrigue even the most casual observer. Tagged as "Mr Washington's Town," the city has selected the Washington and Heritage Month to promote special events at its numerous landmarks and shrines. On February 17, there will be an Open House at Gadsby's Tavern, where Washington recruited troops for Fort Necessity, and at historic Carlyle House, with costumed hostesses and light refreshments.

At the George Washington Birthplace in Westmoreland County, tea and gingerbread from the recipe of Mary Ball Washington will be served visitors on Washington's birthday. The public is invited and no admission charge will be made. During the etnire Washington observance, the Alexandria Public Library will feature a Washington Exhibit.

Historic Lexington will observe Heritage Month with a series of commemorative civic club programs, guided tours, and a number of windows throughout the town will depict scenes from the history of Lexington and Rockbirdge County.

Invitations have been issued to every school in Virginia to visit the Woodrow Wilson Birthplace in Staunton free of charge during Virginia Heritage Month, in observance of the Woodrow Wilson Centennial Year.

Commemorative exercises will be held at the Tomb at Mount Vernon on Washington's birthday, and the public will be admitted free of charge on that day.

HITS POWER LINE: UNHURT

Yonkers, N. Y.- James Walsh, 35-year - old workman, accidentally slammed his pick into a 13,000-volt electric cable and apparently suffered only minor shock. His rubber overshoes and thick gloves plus the fact that the pick's handle was of wood, probably saved the man's life.

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